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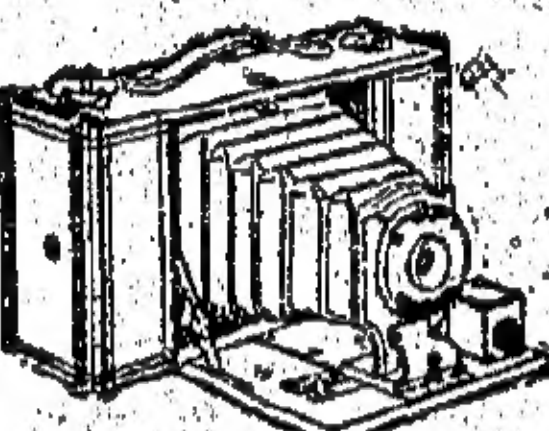


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A REFERENCE in a Manila paper to what is being achieved in the Philippines by school gardening, suggests an inquiry as to the results of the work of our own Botanical and Forestry Department in the New Territory. Our Manila contemporary observes: "Three years ago nothing but the common native vegetables of the most primitive type were grown in La Union province. To-day, we are told, the modern, succulent species are very generally cultivated. The good results of the teachers of La Union are not confined to the work of the students in the school gardens and at their homes. The older people are taking up the planting and the cultivating of the better grades of vegetables." In the New Territory there is ample scope for agricultural improvement. A few years ago we were accustomed to read in the annual reports of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department something about encouraging the people to cultivate tea and cotton and rubber and many other things which would grow there if only the farmers would apply themselves to their cultivation. But we hear of no progress in this respect. It is true that tea is cultivated in several places in the New Territories, e.g. in the Shing Mun valley, and at the villages lying in the higher mountain valleys about Tate's Cairn and Buffalo Hill.

One of the reports of the Botanical and Forestry Department tells us that there is a tradition that tea growing was once a thriving industry here, and terraces are still to be seen on the mountain sides in all parts of the district, which are said to have been made by tea planters. "Whether the cultivation has diminished through extortionate taxing previous to British occupation, or in consequence of the destruction of the woods, and with them the suitable soil, it is hard to say," Mr. Dunn wrote, "but the latter would alone account for it." However, when a sample of the tea still grown at Shatin was sent to the Imperial Institute for examination, the Director wrote that it was evident from the reports of the commercial experts that the tea was of satisfactory growth, but it was of little value in the English market owing to its not having been subjected to the usual manufacturing process. "There seems, however, no reason to doubt," the Director wrote, "that if the tea were properly prepared, it would be of commercial value, and it seems advisable that the services of some skilled Chinese from the tea districts should be secured for the purpose." On the receipt of this encouraging report the Forestry Department obtained about a hundred pounds of seed from Ceylon and Assam, and distributed it among a few selected farmers, who were granted land under favourable conditions for the purpose of forming small plantations. We cannot recollect hearing anything more of the matter. In the same way the Government has made several unsuccessful experiments in cotton growing. Experiments have also been made with rubber trees, and the Department reluctantly came to the conclusion that this valuable tree was unsuited to our climate, though rubber trees are to be seen in various parts of the Colony. An agricultural census shows, apart from pine trees and pine fuel, that the largest area is devoted to rice and rice-straw. Among other produce grown to a small extent are sugar cane, sweet potato, taro, green cabbage, turnip, peanuts, long beans, pineapples, hemp, li-chees, mangos and pears. One may find, however, in parts of the New Territory solitary specimens of many other fruit-bearing trees, and there seems, indeed, little reason to doubt that if we had in the New Territory the "school gardening" system the Americans have adopted in the Philippines the agricultural possibilities of the territory could be wonderfully developed. Anyone who takes an intelligent interest in this subject may find much to astonish him in the few garden plots in the New Territory where there has been an approach to European methods of cultivation. It is very evident that the great drawback to the agricultural development of the New Territory is the trusted conservatism of the Chinese farmer, and until the Government proceeds upon the lines of the American Government in the Philippines, and creates a new type of Chinese farmer, as we are told the school gardens in the Philippines are creating a new type of Filipino, it seems futile to hope that the experiments suggested by the Botanical and Forestry Department can be made with any hope of success.

The Kwong Tai Hospital, a branch of the Tung Wah Hospital, built at Yau-mat, will be opened in a few weeks.

Dr. Stanley, Head of the Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has accepted an invitation to attend the International Plague Conference in Mulden.

For stealing flowers from a garden at Wong-nei-leong Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday fined a native \$5 and ordered him to pay fifty cents compensation.

Two Indian day-labourers from Kowloon City appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of embezzling \$244.25, and were remanded.

Before Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday Mr. Haskell prosecuted two of his chair coolies for disobeying lawful orders. The defendants were each fined thirteen days' pay and cautioned.

A Chinese from Shanghai attempted to jump from a tramcar in motion opposite Gilman's Bazaar in Des Vaux Road on Monday night. He is now in hospital with a broken jaw.

A Chinese who snatched a handful of cents from the counter of a money-changer at 263, Queen's Road West, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday.

For stealing a quantity of clothing from the residence of Mrs. Quinn, at 5, Arbuthnot Road, Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday sentenced a native to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

Captain J. S. Roach, one of the best known skippers on the China coast, returned yesterday by the *Kama Maru* from England where he has been spending a nine months' holiday.

It is the intention of the directors of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., to recommend at the next annual meeting a final dividend of thirty shillings (30s.) per share at the exchange of 2/4 1/4 for the year.

The welcome announcement is made by the Post Office that quarantine restrictions at Shanghai having been withdrawn on arrivals from Dairos, mail steamers will leave Shanghai twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

A batch of 13 gamblers, who were arrested at Woo Sung Street, Yau-mat, were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday. Twelve of the defendants were fined \$3 each, and the other man was ordered to pay a fine of \$6.

The cutter yacht *Out*, of the Hayward Hays class, built in 1908, was sold on Saturday afternoon by public auction by Messrs. Hughes & Hough. Bidding was brisk, and the yacht was ultimately knocked down to Major Penny, R.A.M.C., for \$400.

Sir Henry and Lady May were enthusiastically received on reaching Suva on the 20th February. A large arch of welcome was erected and numerous functions had been arranged. A wireless message of welcome from the citizens of Suva was despatched to the Governor-elect as he entered Fijian waters.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 12th March, shows that of non-Chinese there were 442 to the Library and 200 to Museum, and of Chinese 174 to the former and 2,933 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 616 persons and the Museum by 3,133.

Professors John Paul Goode and Shephardson, of Chicago University, two of the most distinguished members of that institution's faculty, have accepted the invitation of Director of Education in the Philippines, Frank R. White, to deliver a series of lectures at this year's teachers' assembly at Baguio, which begins on April 17.

Prof. Basil Hall Chamberlain, formerly Professor of English Literature, etc., at the Imperial University of Tokyo, author of "Things Japanese" and innumerable works and articles on the Japanese language and Japanese conditions, is travelling to Europe on the *Tokio*. He is going to Switzerland, probably never to return to Japan, and his departure from Japan, where he has lived for 39 years, is widely regretted.

Mr. Choa Giang Thye, a leading resident of Singapore, died suddenly last week while reclining on a long chair at his residence, York House, Scott's Road. He was seized with an apoplectic fit and died almost immediately. It is recorded of the deceased gentleman that he was one of the most prominent Chinese residents of Singapore and that he was looked upon as one of the leaders of the Chinese community and as a man of sound judgment and integrity.

We have received a copy of the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, but as the information it contains has already appeared from time to time in our columns during the past year we have only to note that the number of members on the role stands at 143, consisting of 123 firms and 20 individual members. Through the exercise of strict economy and the larger revenue from Arbitration and Survey a surplus of \$575.21 is shown on the year's working.

Bowed with the weight of years and displaying a furrowed countenance on which Time had left his mark, a grey-haired beggar stood at the junction of Peel Street and Queen's Road on Monday soliciting alms. His venerable and careworn appearance was such that a passing policeman was moved to pity, and Constable Sullivan found a five cent piece to bestow upon him. The hand containing the coin was extended, but the beggar mistrusted the motive, and before the policeman realised it he was speeding up Peel Street at a rate which an onlooker would have believed to have been impossible. Then the spirit of charity which moved the constable gave place to that of the chase, and after a splendid sprint he ran the beggar down near Hollywood Road. The latter was charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy, and ordered to pay a fine of \$5.

THE FOLLIES.

Yesterday the Follies Company, who have acquired such an excellent reputation in Hongkong, and who won golden opinions during their visit to Manila, made a welcome return to the Colony and opened a short season at the Theatre. As was to be expected, a large house bade them welcome and enjoyed to the full the admirable entertainment provided by the clever company. The first part of the programme was occupied by the attractive vocal performance of the various members, and the very funny potted plays which have come to be associated with the name of Pellissier. Encores were numerous, and Mr. Clifton James' rendering of "Devon" brought down the house. The burlesque of a music hall which kept everybody in roars of laughter was undoubtedly the most amusing thing seen here for a long time.

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BRITISH NAVAL AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 14th.

A discussion has taken place in the House of Commons on a resolution deploring the heavy expenditure on the Army and Navy.

Mr. McKenna, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said in the course of a speech: "We advise the building of ships in numbers to enable the British Navy to secure the country against all contingencies. This policy involved no hostility towards any foreign Power."

Mr. McKenna mentioned that in the Spring of 1914 Germany would have 21, and Great Britain 30 Dreadnoughts, if there was no further amendment of the German Navy Law. The estimates for 1912-13 would show some reduction.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said the Estimates did not exceed what was sufficient, and it must not be supposed that because they are increased the foreign relations of the country were strained.

The resolution was rejected by 276 votes to 56.

NEW PERSIAN MINISTRY.

LONDON, March 14th.

A message from Teheran states that the new Cabinet has been presented to the Majlis. M. Sipahdar being Premier and Minister of War, and M. Mutashamsulaneh, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL DEFENCE.

LONDON, March 14th.

A message from Melbourne states that Admiral Henderson has presented his report on Australian defence. He recommends the construction, divided in quinquennial eras, of a fleet which will be completed in twenty-two years, at a total cost of £23,000,000, involving an annual maintenance of £1,226,000, while the cost of the personnel will be £15,000.

He further recommends that the Commonwealth should build up ship-building and armament industries until all naval requisites can be manufactured in Australia.

[FROM THE "MANILA GAZETTE."]

UNDER ORDERS FOR MEXICO.

Washington, March 9th.

Preparations for war continue in both the army and the navy. Orders have been issued assembling 2,000 marines at Guantanamo prepared for eventualities. Another 500 have been ordered to take station at San Diego.

The navy is actively co-operating with the army and the marines. The fleets of both coasts are under orders to stand by off Mexico.

All the transports of the service are being hurriedly put into commission, and those now in condition are being commanded for the impending expedition. All regular orders have been suspended and the vessels are being held for immediate call. Transport movements to the Philippines have been suspended for the time being and those en route will be taken off schedule as soon as they reach port.

Everything indicates that an occupation of Mexico is imminent. Unofficially in Washington it is admitted that the armies will be operating on Mexican soil within a fortnight unless the situation undergoes a very material change. Officially nothing is as yet admitted, although no secret is made of the movement of troops and orders relating thereto so far as mobilization is concerned.

It is learned from Press dispatches and other sources that anarchy now reigns in Mexico and neither the lives nor the property of foreigners is safe. The Diaz government is now powerless to cope with the situation and European interference is threatening unless the United States takes control at once.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 14th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR FRANCIS FERGOTT).

AN ADMINISTRATION DISPUTE.

Pang Chung Tong was the plaintiff and Pang Chun Yoi and Pang Ng Shi were the defendants in an important administration action concerning the estate of Pang Siu Kai, deceased.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, was for the plaintiffs, Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, appeared for the first defendant, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. Wilson, was for the second defendant.

The statement of claim set forth that on or about January 10th, 1891, Pang Sing Yoi, the father of the plaintiff, and the brother of the first defendant, died, leaving a will whereby he appointed Kwok Yuen and the first defendant his executors. By the will the testator bequeathed, *inter alia*, a sum of \$4,000 to the executors upon trust to invest and pay the income thereof to his two concubines in equal shares so long as they remained in his family and the remainder to his son, the plaintiff. The testator bequeathed all his real and personal estate, except that otherwise disposed of by the will, to the executors upon trust to invest and apply the income for the maintenance of his two concubines so long as they remained chaste in the family and for the maintenance and education of the plaintiff and the maintenance of his daughters until their marriage, and, subject to the maintenance of the said concubines and daughters, gave the trust premises to the plaintiff absolutely and directed that the same should be handed over to and managed by the plaintiff on his attaining the age of 21 years in accordance with the Chinese way of calculation. Probate of the will was duly granted to the first defendant and Kwok Yuen on March 14th, 1891. On or about April 7th, Kwok Yuen died, and then Pang Chan Yoi became sole executor. The plaintiff attained the age of 21 years according to Chinese reckoning on February 2nd, 1908. On January 21st, 1910, letters of administration were granted to Pang Siu Kai, the grandfather of the plaintiff. The estate of the testator consisted, *inter alia*, of six one-tenth shares in the A Dai shop, a ship-compradore's business, of shares and money deposited in the Sing On Firm, and of the premises known as 3, Wa On Lane. From the date of the death of the testator until the appointment by order of the Court of a receiver and manager of the A Dai shop, the first defendant carried on and managed the said business, and from the same date the profits and interests due to the estate of the testator by the Sing On Firm had by the direction of Kwok Yuen, given before his death, been paid by the firm to Pang Loong Shi, one of the concubines of the testator and mother of the plaintiff, or to the plaintiff. Since the death of the testator the title deeds of the premises in Wa On Lane had been in the possession of Pang Loong Shi and the rent of the premises had been paid to her or to the plaintiff. The first defendant had not applied the income arising from the share of the testator in the A Dai shop in accordance with the direction of the will and had neglected and refused to render any account thereof and had supported a claim made by the second defendant as administratrix of the estate, under which estate the first defendant was entitled to one-third share of the A Dai shop and the said shares and deposit in the Sing On Firm and the premises in Wa On Lane. The plaintiff claimed to have the undivided personal estate of the deceased Pang Sing Yoi administered, and the portion of such share assigned to the plaintiff: to have an account taken of the dealings of the first defendant with the estate: a declaration that six one-tenth shares in the A Dai shop, and the shares and property mentioned were a portion of the estate.

The first defendant in his statement of defence stated that no grant of letters of administration in the estate of Pang Siu Kai was made until January 10th, 1910, but that after his death the A Dai shop was carried on by his three sons and the first defendant. The first defendant carried on the business of the A Dai shop from the year 1885 until the appointment by the Court of a receiver and manager. The first defendant denied that the estate of Pang Sing Yoi consisted of what it was described in the statement of claim, and asserted that the shares in the Sing On Firm and the premises in Wa On Lane were purchased with monies belonging to the A Dai Firm subsequent to the death of Pang Siu Kai. The first defendant had fully administered all the personal estate and effects of the deceased which had ever come into his hands as executor, and he had not at the commencement of the action, since, or at present any such effects in his hands.

The second defendant in his defence also denied that the estate consisted of what it was described, and declared that the A Dai shop and all the shares thereof were part of the undivided estate of Pang Siu Kai, the late husband of the second defendant, as also were the monies, shares, interest and property before mentioned.

Mr. Slade said the action was commenced to get an account of the A Dai shop pure and simple. Then a counter action was brought, wherein a claim for the whole of the personal property of the deceased was made on behalf of the deceased's father by the second defendant. The will was drawn up in the English form. Counsel pointed out that the first defendant had not denied that he had neglected and refused to render an account.

Mr. Potter interposed that there was no question of having refused to render the account. The defendant quite realised that as an executor he must render an account, but the point had to be decided as to what property he must render it.

Mr. Slade, continuing, said he proposed to put in a letter written on behalf of the first defendant as executor in which he had admitted that the properties which the plaintiff claimed were a portion of the estate of the testator, which he also admitted the plaintiff had been in possession of since the testator's death, and then he should leave the defendant to prove his claim.

His Lordship. The defence of the second defendant seems to over-ride the defence of the first. She sets up a prior claim to everything. So whatever the first defendant may admit as executor of his brother the whole of it is subject to the proof by the second defendant of her claim. Mr. Slade—Exactly. We have been in possession of the property for 20 years. It is for them to prove their claim to it. It is not for us to do it.

His Lordship—It looks to me as if the first defendant says, "Your claim is all right. I am executor and am bound to render an account, but in the presence of the claim of the second defendant I must wait until that claim is decided."

Mr. Potter—Yes, absolutely. We are willing to give an account, but there are certain properties which we cannot say belong to you.

His Lordship—Then the second defendant must prove his case.

The hearing was adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

The action by W. G. Humphreys & Co. against P. Soffietti & Co. for \$981.12, damages for breach of contract, was continued. Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. Goldring appeared for the defence.

Defendant entered the box and in reply to his Lordship said he translated "premier" as "new crop." He accepted the definition in Cassell's Dictionary, "first of the season, early fruit, early vegetables."

Mr. Goldring put a series of questions of fact for his Lordship sitting as a jury. They were submitted in amended form as under: (1) Was the contract for sale by description or sample? (2) What is the meaning of the words "new crop"? Was there a total failure of 1910 crop? (3) Did the defendants at the time of making the contract, contract with the plaintiffs as agents or principals? (4) Was there any refusal on the part of the defendants to deliver (a) 1910 crop; or (b) any other crop?

Mr. Harris said he admitted that they knew now that defendants were acting as agents. Mr. Goldring then elaborated his argument based on the points presented. He contended that it was clear that the sale was by sample and on the basis of the tariff presented at the time by defendant. That being so, the question of what was meant by "new crop" did not arise. If his Lordship held it was not a sale by sample, but by description, then it would have to be considered what meaning was to be attached to the words "new crop" in this contract. Defendant said it meant last year's harvest. Mr. Humphreys said it meant that season's crop. Mr. Rutledge said he had never heard the term. He submitted, however, that neither of the parties meant 1910 peas. The words "new crop" simply crept into the discussion. No sensible man would vouch for the quality of a crop not harvested, as it might prove a failure. Plaintiffs' agents in London spoiled matters by "opening their mouths too wide." All that was wanted was goods suitable for the Chinese customers, and that action was an attempt to rectify the mistake made by the London house. If there was a failure of the 1910 crop his Lordship would have to consider whether that did not come under "act of God." Mr. Goldring submitted that before and after the contracts Mr. Soffietti acted as the agent of disclosed principals. There was no question either of any refusal on the part of defendants to deliver the peas. The trouble lay between London and Brussels. It was clear that the contract was cancelled by the London house. The goods would never have passed through defendants' hands. After the order was sent the matter was out of the hands of defendants. Dealing with the question of law, Mr. Goldring said there were no grounds on which his client could be held liable for the cancellation of the contract whether by the London firm or the Belgian firm. It was clear that an agent was not liable where he was acting for a foreign principal if it was clear from the contract that the agent's liability was limited.

Mr. Harris asked if it would release the defendants if they made an honest mistake in using the word "new crop." He held that the contract had to be construed as it stood. The intention of Mr. Soffietti unless it was known to Mr. Humphreys did not affect it. There was no total failure of the 1910 crop, and even if there were, that would not release the defendants from the contract, as the "act of God" did not apply to contracts, but to common law duties. The fact that defendants' principals were foreigners made defendants liable. Judgment was reserved.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 11 p.m. on the 13th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. on the 14th inst. for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 16th inst.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe presided, and there were present:—Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar-General), Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Sholton Hooper, Colonel Bedford, B.A.M.C. (Principal Medical Officer), Dr. G. I. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Ng Hon Taz, Dr. F. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. W. W. Pearson (Assistant Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. W. Bowen Rowlands (secretary).

MALARIA AT STANLEY.
The reply from the Government relative to malaria at Stanley was as follows:—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th February, and to acquaint you for the information of the Board that his Excellency the Governor has given directions for the execution of the first two measures proposed in the minute of the Head of the Sanitary Department, dated 26th January, 1911, to combat malaria at Stanley. As regards the third, I am to state that the Principal Civil Medical Officer considers it will suffice in the first instance to issue quinine to the children, as it is they who principally harbour malarial parasites, and that the free distribution of quinine will for the present be limited accordingly.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS intimated—It seems a pity to restrict the quinine in this way, as the children must in the first instance catch it from someone, and why not from the parents who are suspected?

The PRESIDENT—Gentlemen, with reference to the measures that the Board recommended the Government to adopt at Stanley, you will see that they have all been agreed upon by the Government, including free distribution of quinine to children for the present. I understand that an effort is being made now to issue quinine to school children in all malarial districts, and if it is a success no doubt the issue will be extended to grown-up people. It was thought best to start with children, as they are more amenable to discipline. If an old farmer at Stanley was given quinine and told to take it he would probably not do so, but if he took it in the nearest gutter after getting out of the police station, but in the case of children they will take it at school in the presence of the teacher. I don't think we can compel old residents to go to the police station and take quinine in the presence of the sergeant.

Mr. HOOPER—Are they made aware that if they do go they can have a free dose although they are not children? Do I gather from what you say that on an economical point of view quinine is limited to children?

The PRESIDENT—If grown-up people ask for it they will get it, but so far as the letter goes free distribution is for the present limited to children. If there is any large demand amongst grown-ups I will instruct the sergeant, who is the sanitary inspector there, to let me know.

Mr. HOOPER—I think a notice should be put up at the police station informing residents that they can have free quinine. Otherwise they will not apply for it.

Mr. NG HON TAZ—A notice in Chinese.
The PRESIDENT—Would you like to pass a resolution to the effect that in view of the fact that there is no public dispensary at Stanley people can obtain quinine at the local police station?

Mr. HOOPER—Yes, and that a notice in Chinese be published.
This was agreed to.

CONDENSED SKIMMED MILK.

A minute was submitted by the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH relative to condensed skimmed milk. The minute was as follows:—I find that the Chinese market is being flooded with consignments of condensed skimmed milk which is being retailed at about fifteen cents a tin, and that even the sellers in the shops are unaware that it differs in any material respects from condensed whole milk, which sells from twenty-five cents a tin. I am told that this cheap condensed milk is being largely taken into use to feed Chinese infants, and in view of the already enormous high mortality amongst such infants I think that the Government should be asked to introduce further legislation to prevent the sale of such skimmed milk except under very strict regulations in regard to the labelling of the tins, not merely to the effect that it is "skimmed milk," a term which the Chinese purchaser would probably not understand, but also to the effect in Chinese that such milk is quite unsuitable for the feeding of infants. The Imperial Sale of Food and Drugs Act of 1899 requires tins of condensed skimmed milk to be clearly labelled with the words "machine skimmed milk" or "skimmed milk," as the case may be, but this is no protection to the Chinese purchaser, who would probably have no knowledge of English and whose experience of milk in any form is much more limited than that of the British working man. One brand of this milk has a "special notice" in English that "this milk is suitable for all ordinary purposes," but like all brands of skimmed milk it should not be used for the feeding of infants. Another brand of the same class of machine skimmed milk, sold in the same shop, is labelled "Baby brand" and is evidently intended for the feeding of infants, for which it is most unsuitable, unless supplemented by cream, which would be outside the means of people who buy this stuff. The Imperial Government has not hesitated to introduce special legislation in regard to special articles of food, e.g., butter, when its appearance, taste, etc., were cleverly substituted by a substance (margarine) prepared from other fats, and I think that in view of the great importance of the question of condensed milk in their relation to infant feeding that a special Ordinance should be introduced to require the proper labelling in Chinese characters of all forms of milk.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS intimated—I agree with the Medical Officer of Health that energetic action should be taken.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Are any special regulations made as to the sale of this class of milk in England other than the label referred to?

Mr. LAU CHU PAK—Has a same been analysed?

Colonel BEDFORD—The point raised by the Medical Officer of Health is a very important one in the interests of the infant section of this Colony. Good "condensed milk," which legally means condensed whole milk, contains not less than ten per cent. of fat, and some good brands contain considerably more. Condensed skimmed milk contains only about 72 per cent. of fat. This amount is totally inadequate for the proper nourishment of children. The Sale of Food and Drugs Act of 1899, referred to by the M. O. H., imposes a penalty upon any person who shall sell or offer for sale impoverished milk except the same is made up in packages or tins conspicuously marked and indicating that the milk is skimmed milk, printed in large and legible type. I am very strongly of opinion that similar legislation should be introduced into the Colony at an early date; and that a label as above both in English and Chinese be compulsory, to which be added a bi-lingual notice, "Not suitable for infants."

The PRESIDENT submitted three samples of the milk in question. One, he pointed out, was not suitable for infants, although it was obviously meant for infants, because it had the sign of a baby on it. Another was not meant by its label to be suitable for infants, because it had a fat Buddha on it.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS—None of these are of local manufacture, are they?

The PRESIDENT—They are all imported.

Mr. HOOPER—Was this question ever brought to the notice of the Government within the last three or four years? It passes through my mind that the Colonial Secretary was addressed on the subject. The matter was brought to my notice by a large manufacturer of the pure article in England.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH said the matter had never been before the Board.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Bearing in mind what the Medical Officer has said on these brands' stops ought to be taken to check their sale to people who might buy it for feeding infants. One of these brands is very distinct, having a baby sucking a bottle.

Colonel BEDFORD proposed that the correspondence be forwarded for the consideration of the Government.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—With a request to legislate.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Yes, for Legislation is necessary to check its sale as a first class food.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS—And that a warning be issued at the same time.
This was agreed to.

SMALLPOX IN HONGKONG.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH submitted the following minute with regard to small-pox in the Colony:—We are getting an average of more than one case a day of small-pox, and I would suggest therefore that the Board should publish notices in the English and Chinese Press, advising all those who have not been vaccinated within the past five years to get re-vaccinated at once unless they have had small-pox already, in which case vaccination would be unnecessary.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS—I agree with this.

The PRESIDENT—There have been, I think, four cases this week so far, so that for the moment small-pox does not appear to be abating.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS—Is any extra effort made at this time for vaccination in the surrounding districts? The Tung Wah authorities send round vaccinators at certain times of the year. Do the public dispensaries do so?

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—As a rule the Chinese prefer to be vaccinated in the spring, and every year we send round notices at China New Year reminding people that it is vaccination time and asking them to be vaccinated. At the public dispensaries this year there were 3,719 vaccinations. I think people are coming forward rather more freely than usual because of the epidemic.

We propose to send vaccinators to the New Territories and I propose to issue more handbills asking people to send to the dispensaries or go there themselves if they wish to be vaccinated.

Mr. HOOPER—With regard to the 19 case, which I see is the number in the Colony for the week ending on the 11th March, I should like to ask whether any of those cases occurred in buildings used as public laundries in the Colony, and if so what action has been taken?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—There has been a small outbreak in a building used as a laundry. This occurred a week or two ago and the taking of washing was stopped and every article of washing on the premises, some 1,500 or 1,600 pieces, was taken to the disinfecting station and subsequently sent to another house belonging to the same laundry.

Mr. HOOPER—Have there been any more cases?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—No.

Mr. HOOPER—Is that laundry allowed to continue?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—No.

Mr. HOOPER—I would like to ask whether the laundry in question is a public laundry licensed under the by-laws of the Board?

The PRESIDENT—I am not quite sure, but I have an idea it has not been licensed as a laundry. I would like to look through the papers, and I can let members know at next meeting.

Mr. HOOPER—If so, don't you think steps should be taken to put it quite in order? I think it is a very serious matter, especially now that an outbreak has occurred.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—I think this laundry has a European medical attendant which ordinary licensed laundries do not possess.

Mr. HOOPER—I have not given away the name of the establishment, but from what the Registrar-General says he has now hinted that it is a government laundry. I think the matter should be put in order.

The PRESIDENT—I will have the matter looked into at once, and if the premises are not licensed the matter will be brought before the Board.

It was agreed that the notices recommending vaccination should be issued as recommended.

APPLICATION FOR AN OFFENSIVE TRADE LICENCE.

The Wo Fat shop applied for a licence to enable them to carry on a soap-boiling business at No. 5, Whitfield, Shaukiwan Road.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—I think it is undesirable to licence premises for such a purpose on a main road. It is the only road to Shaukiwan.

It was agreed to grant a licence for three years.

HONGKONG'S WATER SUPPLIES.

The Government Bacteriologist and Analyst reported that they had examined samples of the Pokfulam, Tytan and Kowloon waters, and considered that the filtered water in each case was fit for potable purposes.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—The date on which the samples were taken should be given.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics for the week ending January 28th, based on a death rate per 1,000 per annum, showed the death rate for the whole Colony to be 18.1, while for the week ending February 4th the rate was 19.5, as against 15.6 for the corresponding week of last year.

DEATH RETURN.

During the week ending March 4th, 2,076 rats were caught in the Colony, two of which were infected. This total exceeds the previous week's catch by 195, and is the record for the year.

The PRESIDENT drew attention to the rat return, which showed a record number of rats caught. During the last fortnight the annual rat poisoning campaign had been in progress and the inspectors had been devoting their time to tracing rat poison in houses throughout the city. That work was completed on Saturday last and another campaign had been commenced in Kowloon.

Colonel BEDFORD asked if there was a reserve of rat poison.

The PRESIDENT replied that they might have enough left to give to the military authorities.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT asked if the Board was responsible for the sanitary condition of the military property.

Colonel BEDFORD replied that the military paid taxes the same as other people.

A letter was read from the Oriental Brewery, Limited, inviting members of the Board to inspect the brewery at Lai-chikok.

The matter was deferred.

DANCING—AN ART OR ATHLETIC EXERCISE?

Every one must agree with *The Times* that modern dancing is at the very lowest ebb if considered as an art. One means, of course, the dancing seen in a ball-room. But such dancing varies always with the habits and temperament of a people. The stately dances of our forefathers with their beautiful expression of grace and decorum were regarded by them as an art and studied as an art and were in keeping with the civility of the men and the status of the women, as also were the country dances of the peasants, though necessarily of rougher interpretation. The present time, however, is an age of athleticism for women as well as men, which has killed civility, and the result is seen in the modern interpretation of the dance, for it is no longer viewed as an art, but as a form of exercise. So the walls have degenerated into a fast combined movement depending strength and condition on the part of the performers; and the former beautiful "Lancers" has degenerated into an unseemly romp, so removed from art as to allow the last figure to be invariably danced out of tune to the music, because no one is now capable of realising that the grand chain, which is always written for four couples, cannot be danced in time by eight couples unless they divide up, as they used to do in the old days, into two separate sets of four couples, one set dancing inside and the other outside. There are hundreds of people who can waltz in perfect time to any one who can dance a waltz, few in fact understanding the difference between merely waltzing and dancing a waltz. This was even more marked in the Barn Dance before it went out of fashion. The wonderful "abandon" of the dance when properly danced was utterly lost and made ridiculous by four stiff steps and a stiff kick at the end. One can imagine the look of pitying scorn if the dancers of the present day were asked if they ever thought of artistic expression or the beauty of rhythmic movement when dancing. Imagine the snort of disdain were the poetry of motion suggested, say, in the Lancers. Yet *The Times* with a healthy optimism, delightful to read, thinks it sees in the revival of Morris dancing the dawning of something more resembling art in the future of our dancing. As a matter of fact, however, dancing has seriously remained much more of an art with the peasantry than among the more highly educated. Such dancing as society permits would not be tolerated by them. To get out of time in the Lancers is in their eyes unforgivable, and they have kept many of the old square dances which have long been ousted by society. They dance these with a precision which astonishes the "quality," who have never thought it worth while to study the figures of even the one square dance still in vogue among them. But even the peasantry have lost most of the stately steps of their fathers and walk sedately through their dances without expression of any kind, giving a nod for a bow and a stiff kick for a movement.

It is certainly a thing to hope for, that the old step dancing of the peasant with its joy of motion, and the grace and elegance of the minuet and other dances of the past might again be revived. But as long as our girls play hockey, we can never hope for grace, though we may perhaps seek comfort in the hope that some other unalloyed benefit may possibly take the place of the beauty of the dance, which is a thing gone by.—*London Times*

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

An inter-Company cricket match between the 87th and 88th Coy. R. G. A. was played at Happy Valley on Monday afternoon, resulting in a win for 88th Company by one hundred runs. The 87th Coy. batted first, but were only able to reach a total of 67 against the bowling of Captain Garnett and Lieut. Paris, the former taking 7 wickets for 32 runs and the latter the remainder for 28. Gunner Donaldson was top scorer with 17, the only other batsman to reach double figures being Gunner Walton (15). The 88th had little difficulty in passing their opponents' score. After two wickets had fallen for fifty-three runs, Lieut. Hitchcock and Paris became associated and carried the score to 123, putting the issue beyond doubt. The last wicket fell at 167, the 88th Coy. thus winning easily. The chief contributors to the 88th total were Lieut. Hitchcock (47), Lieut. Paris (46), Capt. Garnett (17). Gunner Donaldson was the most successful bowler for 87th Coy., taking 3 wickets for 20 runs.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

C.S.M. Rodger (Volunteers) and Gunner Bancroft (87th Coy.) were the first pair to go to the table on Monday night, a good game ending in a win for Rodger by 40 points. Bancroft held a slight lead up to the second hundred, but fell away afterwards and his opponent taking advantage of some good leaves won as stated. In the second game, Gunner Hodson (87th Coy.) had the distinction of winning the first game for the Soldiers' Club in this round up to date. A very exciting finish was witnessed, Hodson just beating his opponent, Gunner Wilson (Volunteers) by the narrow margin of 4 points. Scores:—

87 Coy. R.G.A.	H.K.V.C.
Gr. Bancroft ... 210	C.S.M. Rodger ... 250
Gr. Hodson ... 250	Gr. Wilson ... 246

THE ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOLS HONGKONG.

ENLARGING THE ACCOMMODATION.

The Ellis Kadoorie Chinese Schools Society, known as the Yik Tsoi Shui Shi amongst the Chinese, which was founded eleven years ago by Mr. Ellis Kadoorie and a committee of the leading Chinese in this Colony, has played a very useful part in the educational work of Hongkong. Its school in Hospital Road has steadily increased, both in numbers and popularity, until there are now seven hundred odd Chinese boys in attendance, and still the accommodation is not sufficient to meet the demand. In his speech at the prize distribution in January last Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the honorary secretary to the Society, remarked that some influential Chinese gentlemen had promised to contribute to the reconstruction of the middle building, which when completed would transform the whole block into one of the most imposing educational edifices in the Colony. This promise has been realised. In future the school will have a magnificent hall and increased accommodation for more than 1,000 pupils. The gentlemen who have come forward with munificent donations to assist the Society in attaining its end are:—

Mr. Ho Kam Tong, who contributed \$10,000	
" Chan Kai Ming do 5,000	
" Lung Yau Po do 5,000	
" Lau Lin Young do 5,000	
" Fung Yan Sam do 5,000	
" Hon. Secretary do 10,000	

The reconstruction is estimated to cost about \$50,000, and steps are being taken to raise the balance, which, we understand, will be generously made up by the committee.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council takes place on Thursday.

H.E. Maj.-General C. A. Anderson has given notice of his intention to propose the following Resolution:—

"That the annual payment of an import allowance to the Naval and Military Authorities, made pursuant to Clause 44 (1) of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1910, be continued for the year 1911-1912."

The orders of the day are as follows:—

First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to further amend the Pawnbrokers Ordinance, 1860 and 1902."

First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for regulating the supply of Electricity for Lighting and other purposes within the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to prohibit the use of Dynamite or other explosives for the purpose of catching or destroying fish."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend and modify the law as to common forms and as to the Interpretation of Terms used in Ordinances."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance 1900."

Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Harbour of Refuge Ordinance, 1909."

Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Intoxicating Liquors."

Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for the incorporation and regulation of the University of Hongkong."

Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to introduce in the Criminal Law Ordinance of 1865 certain provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Acts of the United Kingdom of 1861, and for other purposes."

Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Ordinances relating to Companies."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902."

Will not be proceeded with at this meeting.

NOTES AND NEWS.

INSURING SIX THOUSAND SCHOLARS.
In consequence of recent Court decisions holding educational authorities liable to pay compensation for accidents to children on school premises, the Isle of Wight County Education Authorities have decided to insure against accidents six thousand scholars attending public schools in the county area.

UNCLAIMED WAR MEDALS AND CLASPS.
A number of King's and Queen's war medals and clasps for non-commissioned officers and men who served with various Imperial and Irregular Corps, also Canadian Contingents, in South Africa, are still awaiting claimants, whose addresses cannot be ascertained. Many letters have been returned by the postal authorities as unclaimed. Applications for these decorations should be addressed to the Deputy-Director of Ordnance Stores (Medal Branch), Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, accompanied by discharge certificates and full particulars of service with other corps.

KILLED BY GOLF BALLS.
The January number of the *Countryside Monthly*, tells that not long ago one of the players in a golf tournament at Melrose, while making an approach shot, killed a seagull, and another player on coming on from his drive, found that he had smitten a weasel. Such incidents are not uncommon. A player on the Birkdale links, driving from the tee, struck with his ball a bird at a distance of about forty yards. The ball travelled on with scarcely abated speed. The bird fell to the ground, and when picked up was found not only to be dead—that was to be expected—but nearly decapitated.

ACQUAINTANCES AND THE LAW COURTS.
A propos of the recent prosecution for libel on the King, a home paper mentions that the last occasion upon which the matrimonial affairs of a British King and Queen prior to the present reign were before a court of law was in 1820, when Queen Caroline was tried in Westminster Hall on a charge of high treason as Princess of Wales. For weeks before, during the Queen's residence at Brandenburg House, Fulham, monster deputations from all the towns in England had wended their way to the Queen's house, with bands and banners in their thousands to show the universal sympathy for her Majesty and their anger to the charges brought against her by King George the Fourth and his friends. The Queen was found innocent, and her friends turned on almost every height in Britain in honour of her acquittal.

THE MODERN PRISON.
It is not often that prison life in England is turned to such good account as in the case of the young man, just discharged from a Borstal prison, who has utilised his spare time in gaol by taking correspondence-lessons in a wide range of subjects, from arithmetic and trigonometry to mechanical drawing, and is now equipped for a higher class of work than when he lost his liberty. In American prisons such educational facilities are much more common than in England. In the Massachusetts reformatory, for instance, there are daily classes for the study of political economy, music, mathematics, and drawing. There are constant lectures on political, social, religious, and trade subjects; and the prisoners have the advantage of a debating society and a scientific and literary club.

THE ENGLISH BENCH.
Mr. Justice Grantham, who is seventy-five years old, has just completed his twenty-fifth year on the Bench. More than ten years have now elapsed, the *Law Journal* points out, since "the Father of the Bench" became entitled to retire on a pension, but he continues to perform his duties "with a vigour and high-mindedness which afford not the slightest sign of any desire to avail himself of the generous allowance which a grateful country has provided for him." There are three Judges—Lord Macnaghten, Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr. Justice Grantham, and Mr. Justice Lawrence—who have long since become entitled to retiring allowance. The number will be increased next year, when four other King's Bench judges—Mr. Justice Enderby, Mr. Justice Darling, Mr. Justice Channell, and Mr. Justice Phillimore—will complete the qualifying period of service, which is fifteen years.

BRITISH CONSULS AND TRADERS.

In the House of Commons on the 9th ult. Mr. Randall asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether His Majesty's Consular officers had any, and what, duties to English traders; whether it was their duty, or act of grace on their part, to answer queries from British traders about the credit of foreign traders; whether it was usual for them to give answers on this point, and if so, under what circumstances did they give such information; if it was not their duty to give such information, whether such a duty could be performed by them; and whether, with regard to the Consuls employed by the German Government, the duty was regularly performed to the advantage of German traders.

Mr. McKinnon Wood, in reply, said:—It is the duty of His Majesty's Consular officers abroad to reply to inquiries addressed to them by British traders, except when they manifestly relate to the business of competing British firms or where the reply would be likely to prove injurious to British manufacturing interests. It is, however, no part of their duty to give opinions or to furnish confidential information as to the respectability, private character, or solvency of individuals or firms, but they may at their discretion indicate what the standing of any firm is generally considered to be, while disclaiming official responsibility for the information. I have no reason for supposing that German Consular officers are in the habit of going any farther than this in dealing with inquiries as to the credit of foreign firms.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 14th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately in N. China, and fallen considerably over S. Japan.

The depression lying over the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan yesterday has moved into the Pacific, and the other depression, after crossing the Yellow Sea, has reached the S. part of the Sea of Japan.

Pressure has given way slightly, and is still low over S.W. China and Tongking.

Pressure is relatively high over the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Bonins and over N. China.

Moderate S.E. winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.

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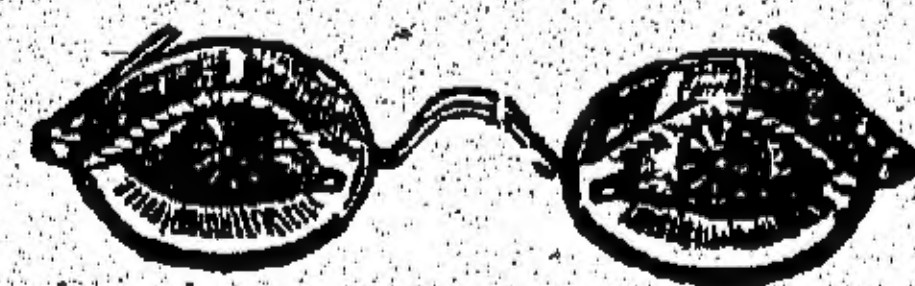
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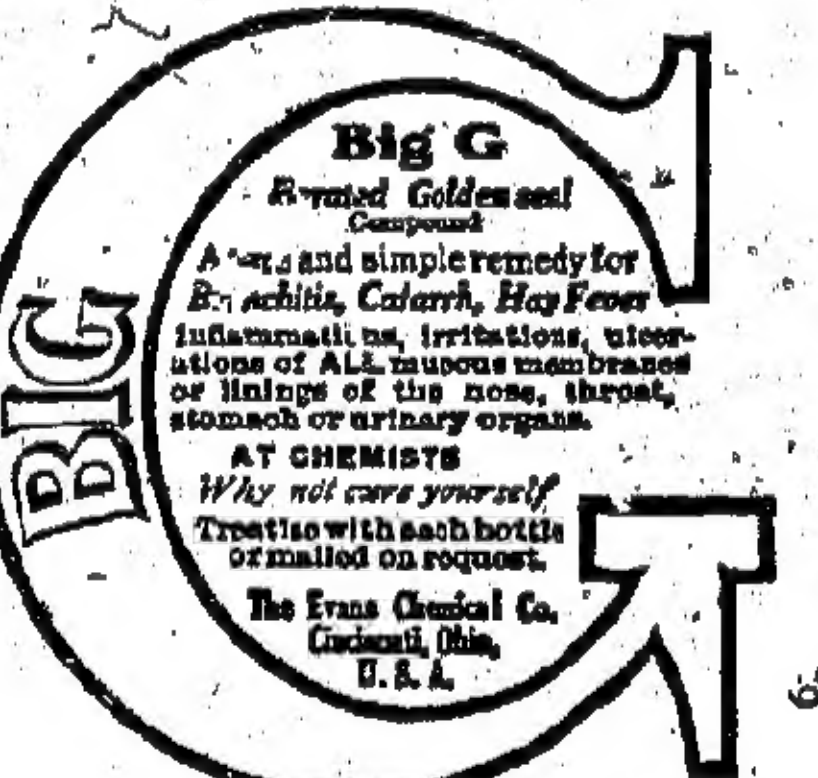
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LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS.]

London, February 25th.
The International Rugby match at Edinburgh between Scotland and Ireland was played in bright weather. The ground was in good condition, and there was a large attendance. Ireland made a sensational start, scoring eight points in ten minutes. The Scottish tackling was weak. The two teams ran even after, until Simson scored a try, making the score at half-time—Ireland, eight; Scotland, three.

On resuming, the game was most exciting. Ireland scored a try, which was converted. Then Scotland began to press, Munro scoring a great drop goal and Angus a try.
The Scottish chances began to look rosy, but Quinn furnished with a try for Ireland.
The final score was—Ireland, 16; Scotland, 10.
THE UNITED STATES AND IMMIGRATION.

London, February 25th.
Reuter wires from New York that, on the arrival of the Greek liner *Athina*, at Brooklyn, twenty-nine officers and crew and the agent of the line were arrested on the charge of smuggling in aliens for a year past, sometimes in the guise of seamen, and sometimes concealing them in the coal-bunkers and elsewhere. Altogether 195,000 dollars bail was fixed.
Counsel for the Company says that they are not guilty and merely suffered largely from desertions.

TURKISH BATTLESHIPS.
Constantinople, February 25th.
An agreement has been concluded between Turkey and the Armstrong group for the construction of two first-class battleships, THE FIRST AUSTRIAN "DREADNOUGHT".

Vienne, February 25th.
The first Austrian *Dreadnought* will be launched at Trieste on May 27th, and the second probably in November. Both will join the fleet in the spring of 1913.

LONGWORTH'S FRESH SWIMMING RECORD.
Sydney, February 25th.
Longworth has swum 110 metres in 65 seconds, thus creating a world's record.

MEASLES ON THE ROYAL YACHT AND A CRUISE.
London, February 25th.
Measles has broken out at Portsmouth on board the cruiser *Essex* and the Royal yacht *Osborne*.

PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES.
Melbourne, February 27th.
An Anglican deputation has urged the Government to remove certain prevalent abuses in connection with the aborigines of the north-west of Australia, making sensational allegations as to the treatment of women by the Asiatic pearl fishers and others.

The Government, in a sympathetic reply, announces that officials are being appointed to protect the natives.

RESIGNATION OF THE FRENCH CABINET.
London, February 27th.
Reuter wires from Paris that the French Cabinet has resigned.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH PHILIPPIC.
Melbourne, February 27th.
The Commonwealth Government have issued a memorandum saying that for several months it had been an open secret that representatives of the American Meat Trust have been visiting Australia with the ostensible object of extending its operations. The Government are determined to take immediate drastic action to discourage and, if necessary, prohibit its operations in Australia.
The Minister for Customs is consulting the Attorney-General with the view of bringing the full force of the present law into operation and, if necessary, obtaining further legislation. The action of the Government will extend to Trust operations in Australia whether conducted directly or indirectly. Government will not permit a repetition in Australia of the scandalous and merciless methods characterizing monopolies in other parts of the world.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.
London, February 27th.
The question of the publication of the points on which the Constitutional Conference failed, or as read was brought up in the House of Commons to-day.
Mr. Asquith informed the Hon. Harry Lawson that all the members of the Conference agreed that there should be no public disclosure of the proceedings. He did not possess the power, even if he had the position, which he had not, to reconsider the matter.

THE PARLIAMENT BILL—SECOND READING DEBATE.

London, February 27th.
In the House of Commons, on the motion for the second reading of the Parliament Bill, Mr. Austen Chamberlain moved an amendment urging the reconstruction of the House of Lords. He said that if the Bill was the last work of the Government, it could not pass, and he appealed for a compromise in the spirit of the Conference. All the Ministerial arguments proved that the House of Lords ought to be reformed, so as to be more fitted for its task. The two years' delay provided by the Bill was useless. Moreover, when once the Bill was passed there was nothing to prevent the House of Commons abandoning the system established, because the House of Commons would then be supreme. They could jerry-mander the electoral law in order to perpetuate the present majority. Mr. Haldane said that Mr. Austen Chamberlain had spoken as if the Bill were the Government's whole policy, whereas the Bill was only a means of making any step forward. He strongly favoured reform of the House of Lords, and as a security against the repeal of the Bill, the Government was pledged not to treat this as the final settlement, but as a stepping stone for reforms connected with Ireland, the elections, redistribution, and the establishment of a Second Chamber more in accordance with popular views. The only alternative which the Opposition offered was the referendum which would break up the system of representative Government and would be a far more momentous change. The Government would be false to its mission and duty unless it enlisted, if necessary, the whole of its forces for passing the Bill into law.

THE HOUSE LISTLESS.
Last week's discussion rather exhausted interest in the debate. The House was listless and by no means full.

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RICH MAN'S DOUBLE LIFE.

STRANGE CAREER OF AN ECCENTRIC SQUIRE.

A Special Correspondent of the London *Daily Chronicle* writes from Welwyn (Herts), as follows:

Even Robert Louis Stevenson never pictured a more amazing character than the wealthy old gentleman, with a double personality, Mr. George Edward Dering, F.R.S., who died recently at his magnificent mansion, "Lockley," in this village.

At the time of his death he was in his 80th year, a venerable figure with a long white beard, and to all the countryside he was known as a lonely bachelor of very eccentric ways. Since May, 1907, he had lived regularly at Lockley, but before that he came there only for a few days in each year.

Nobody suspected the real explanation of his mysterious absences. To the astonishment of all the villagers it has now been discovered that Mr. Dering was married, and formerly lived with his wife in another large house at Brighton. There he passed always under the name of Mr. Dale. His wife died in 1894, and she was buried in Aldington Churchyard, where he now lies. Over her grave he had placed an imposing tombstone, which bore this simple inscription:—
To the dear memory of M. D.

Whether, she knew his secret is matter merely for speculation, but it is possible that she did. Certainly his married daughter—who, it is stated, may come to reside shortly at Lockley with her husband and their little boy—had known her father only by the name of Dale. Her son, it is announced, will now take his grandfather's name.

WANTON ANCESTRY.
It is an historic name for Mr. Dering was able to trace his descent in unbroken line to Saxon times. The family had long been in possession of Lockley. There Mr. Dering was born. There his father died in 1859, and there also his mother passed away a few years later.

Left to himself Mr. Dering began to develop eccentric ways. For one thing, he took a great fancy to tight-rope walking, and one of his closest friends was the famous Blondin. I have had a chat to-day with a villager who well remembers the two performing in front of the mansion.

Through the estate—which is over a thousand acres in extent and thickly wooded—flows a narrow stream, called the Mimram. It passes within a few yards of the mansion. The tight-rope used by Mr. Dering and Blondin was fixed over this stream, and was about 100 yards in length.

"I often saw Blondin wheeling Mr. Dering in a barrow on this tight-rope, and also carrying him on his back," said my informant. "Mr. Dering—dressed, of course, in tights—was also very proficient on the rope."

To-day I saw the long balancing poles—now resting under the eaves of an outhouse at the back of the mansion—which the couple actually used.

PIONEER AND INVENTOR.
But, as the distinction of F.R.S. fully testifies, tight-rope walking was only a small part of Mr. Dering's life. He was, in fact, an inventor of great attainments. Probably his genius for discovery explained his eccentricity.

Mr. Dering was one of the pioneers of telegraphy. It is recorded that in the early days he conducted extensive experiments between Welwyn and Hatfield, which are five miles apart, and he is credited with some important discovery in connection with insulators.

Railways also occupied his attention, and here again he did notable work. Behind his mansion he erected a large foundry, where he employed some 30 men. He was specially interested in steel rails, and he is said to have been the discoverer of an appliance which is in use to-day.

But there came a time when he might justly be considered more as a theorist than a practical man of science. He discharged the 30 men, and they walked out of the foundry leaving their implements on the benches as though they were soon to return. To-day the place is almost as it was when they left it; the tools are still on the benches, but, in common with the rest of the establishment, the building shows signs of dilapidation.

About 30 years have passed since Mr. Dering first took Lockley. Nobody knew where he had made his home; nobody cared to inquire. But he still maintained in the mansion the same staff of servants as before. There was a butler, a footman, a coachman—with Mid Victorian carriages, but no horses to look after—a parlour maid, housemaid, a laundry-maid, and a hall-boy.

YULETIDE VIBES.
Except for a few days before Christmas they never saw their master. But regularly as the Yuletide season drew near he reappeared at Lockley. He did not come for purposes of enjoyment. He came merely to pay the wages of his staff and settle the annual accounts. Busy all the time, he would stay until Christmas morning; then away he would go, nobody knew whither.

Frequently letters came for him, but there was nobody to open them. The servants could not forward them because they did not know their master's address. So the correspondence would gradually accumulate, until by the time the old gentleman came again stacks of letters would be awaiting him.

Naturally the fine old mansion deteriorated by his constant neglect of it. The small staff employed could not keep such a vast estate in good repair, and it is by no means certain that Mr. Dering would have appreciated their efforts, even if it had been possible.

HIS RETURN TO LOCKLEY.
When, in 1907, he took up his residence again at Lockley, he certainly did not encourage the activities of his servants. He lived almost entirely in one room—his bedroom—and he could never allow it to be cleaned. Not settled everything, but he seemed only to revel in it. By his orders at least one room in the house had not been interfered with for very many years. That was the apartment in which his mother died. It was his desire that it should be left in exactly the same state as when she passed away, and consequently the door was kept locked. Not the least remarkable of Mr. Dering's whims was his fancy for late dinners. His favourite time was 2 o'clock, in the morning, when, of course, the household staff wanted to be in bed. But even though he had his dinner in the early morning, he always insisted on having his breakfast at 7 o'clock.

With such a short rest one can quite understand that he did not like to have it broken. Consequently he would never allow any animals in the park for fear they might disturb him. His most elaborate plan to avoid noise, however, was to divert the main road which ran close to his home by constructing a new one a little farther away at a cost of £20,000.

It seems a pity that he did not spend some of his wealth on the preservation of Lockley. When I visited the mansion to-day it was clearly in a state of decay. It is built entirely of red brick, and parts of it are covered with creeping ivy. Over the high front door appears the Dering coat-of-arms in stone.

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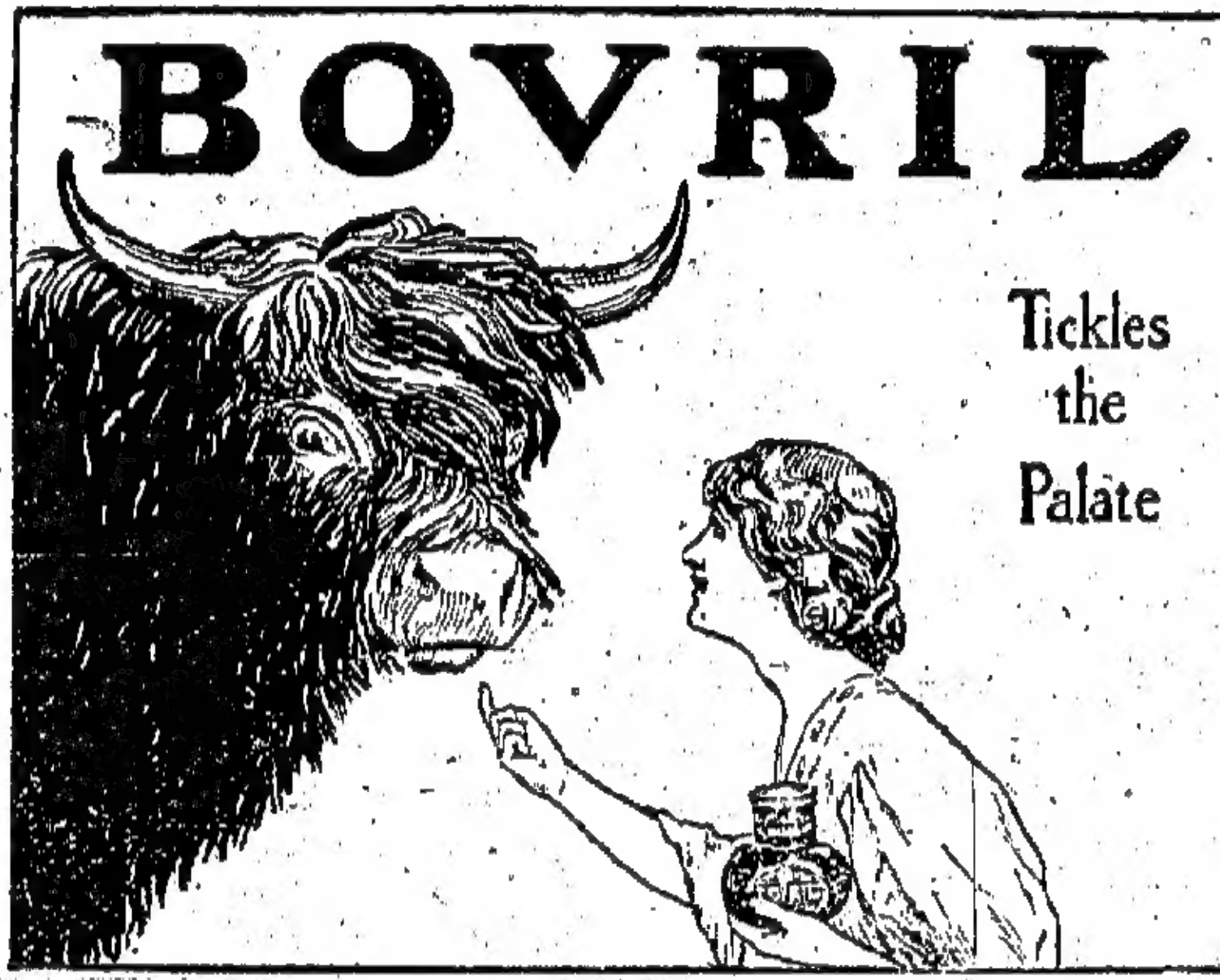
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The mansion itself is a veritable treasure-house. Precious old paintings, covered with the dust of years, are stacked along each side of the hall. In many of the rooms there are marble statues, all in similar state of neglect. During the last few days representatives from Christie's have visited the house, and it is likely that many of these treasures—some of them old masterpieces—may in due course be submitted to public auction.

Though Mr. Dering's estate has not yet been completely valued, it is already certain that it will amount to well over \$250,000. He owned a large portion of Welwyn, and three houses at Brighton, and it is said that he also had mining interests in Durham.

How well he kept the secret of his marriage may be gathered from the fact that even a housemaid who had been in the service of the family for 60 years was unaware of it. Mr. Dering passed away rather suddenly without making any statement. It was only when his private documents came to be examined that the story of his double life was revealed.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 15th to 21st, 1911.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.
Wed.	15	10 11	5 2	3 45	1 1
		9 59	6 7	3 26	2 4
Thurs	16	10 32	5 4	4 13	1 4
		10 38	6 3	4 5	2 2
Fri.	17	10 54	5 6	4 40	1 7
		11 15	6 2	4 5	2 1
Sat.	18	11 16	5 7	5 28	2 3
		11 51	5 8	5 26	2 5
Sun.	19	11 32	5 8	6 14	2 5
Mon.	20	0 28	4 6	5 43	2 9
		0 4	5 8	7 8	2 7
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Hongkong Observatory, March 14th.

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Barometer	29.89	29.95	29.85
Temperature	69	72	76
Humidity	95	94	88
Wind direction	E	SE	SSW
Force	3	1	1
Weather	of	of	of
Rain	—	0.01	—

Highest open air Temperature on 13th...70
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A SCHOOL FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES.
THE LONDON INSTITUTION SCHEME.

For the present announcements as to the future of the London Institution and its Institute in schemes for a School of Oriental Languages and other educational purposes must be regarded as premature. No such scheme could be adopted until after consultation of the large body of proprietors by whom the share capital is held. It will be recalled that premature announcements of plans for amalgamating the Institution with the Royal Society of Arts evoked signs of strong opposition, and that in a final ballot of proprietors two years ago the majority for amalgamation was so much smaller than at the original ballot that the scheme was not proceeded with. The fact that under the scheme the Institution would have sold its premises in Finsbury-circus and that the new home would have been outside the limits of the City no doubt accounted for much of the opposition which ruined the project. But a proposal now under consideration is open to no such objection; for under it the Institution will remain in Finsbury-circus, and will serve a great Imperial purpose by building a famous centre of study and research in the heart of the City.

THE STUDY OF EASTERN LANGUAGES.
For many years past attention has been called by officials of Eastern experience, by Orientalists, and by business men to the serious disadvantage under which London lies, in comparison with Paris, Berlin, and St. Petersburg, in its lack of centres for the teaching of Oriental languages. As England is the country which above all others has important relations with the East, the fact that no Oriental school exists in its capital city is not creditable to the nation. So wrote the Treasury Committee appointed in April, 1907, to consider the organization of Oriental studies in London. The report, signed by Lord Rosy, the president, and his colleagues in December, 1908, and published in the following September, strongly recommended the formation of a school. Early last year the Secretary of State for India appointed a further committee, with Lord Cromer as its president, and including Lord Curzon, the Lord Mayor, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and representatives of the India Office and the Board of Education, "to prepare a detailed scheme for the institution of a school on the lines recommended by Lord Rosy's committee."

THE COST OF UPRIFT.
The second committee soon recognized that the financial aspects of the question constituted the only real obstacle to the fulfilment of their task. It was estimated that, besides the cost of installation, an annual expenditure of £12,725 would be required to give full effect to the scheme. The Treasury was not prepared to make a grant of more than £4,000. The original view of the India Office was that as the requirements of the Indian Government in respect to Oriental studies in this country are already adequately met at the cost of Indian revenues, no fresh grant could be made therefrom, and the school must be content to absorb some of the teaching work for which the India Office now provides elsewhere. It is believed there has been some relaxation of this sternly economical attitude, but in any case the direct grant from Indian revenues will be small. It follows that for the greater part of its ordinary income the school, if established, must look elsewhere than the State for its funds.

THE QUESTION OF THE INSTITUTE.
The exact relation of the institution to the University of London has not yet been decided; but as it is certain to be more or less closely associated therewith a substantial grant from University revenues is anticipated. The support of the London County Council, the City Corporation and Companies, the Chamber of Commerce and various learned societies, and also of large firms connected with the East is also looked for; and at least a part of the revenue will be derivable from fees.

PREMIERS FOR THE SCHOOL.
Of late, however, the question of meeting annual expenditure has been in abeyance pending a solution of the great problem of location and the cost of installation. The erection of a new building was not recommended by the Treasury Committee, which pointed out that, even apart from the question of cost, it would be inadvisable to erect special buildings until after the first few years of the school's existence, when the governing body would have acquired with regard to its special requirements. Definite inquiries have been made Lord Cromer's committee that it is hopeless to look for funds, whether from the State or from other sources, to meet the enormous cost of building in a sufficiently central position. Therefore, if the recently central position, of adequate approach of the non-provision of adequate Oriental teaching in the capital of the British Empire is to be removed it must be by the adaptation of some existing building to the needs of the school.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INSTITUTION.
These circumstances, Lord Cromer's committee made inquiries with the object of finding premises accessible to students from the City and from the London colleges. Various suggestions on the subject were found to be impracticable; eventually the London Institution in Finsbury-circus was thought most suitable, provided a mutually satisfactory arrangement could be made with the proprietors. It was seen that the building could be adapted to the needs of the proposed school without heavy outlay, and it was thought that the accommodation might suffice for other educational and scientific work in keeping with the high reputation and traditions of the Institution. The committee did not feel competent under the terms of their reference to enter into negotiations, and consequently an interim report was submitted to the India Office recommending that negotiations should be entered into. These have not reached a stage at which the details can be serviceably discussed in public, but it may be recalled that the future of the Institution has been a subject of investigation by the Royal Commission on University Education in London. Mr. Haldane, the chairman of the Commission, has been carrying on the negotiations in consultation with the India Office authorities. The question is, of course, closely inter-related with that of the provision for general secondary and commercial education in the City, and the Oriental school may form only a part, though a very important part, of the complete scheme, in which, moreover, other City foundations may possibly participate.

The scheme, when fully worked out, will thus meet the well-desired desire that the Institution, built when wide-spread Londoners resided in and about Finsbury-circus, should not disappear from the City. It is to be remembered that one of the objects of the school is to give facilities for young business men going out to the East to acquire a knowledge of the languages they may have to use. As to the convenience of the school, it is sufficient to remark that all roads lead to the City. It may be expected that City interest largely represented among the proprietors will warmly support a project which will bring the school within "the square mile" and at the same time raise the Institution to a position of Imperial importance well befitting its record and situation. No other scheme for bringing the school to the City is believed to be practicable by those

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

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ANNU, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 12th March—Shanghai 9th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
ARIANE MARU, Japanese str., 2,183, Yamaoka, 21st Feb.—Milko 16th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
BEACHT, British str., 4,000, F. Walker, 25th Feb.—Tokona and Honolulu 5th February, Lumber, Flour and Machinery—Doddwell & Co.		
CHONGSHING, British str., 1,265, V. M. Liddell, 5th Feb.—Swatow 4th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
CHILDAN, Norwegian str., 1,102, N. Hjorth, 13th March—Bangkok and Swatow 12th March—Rice and General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.		
CHINGTUNG, Norwegian str., 1,759, A. Rjos, 26th Feb.—Saigon 20th Feb., Rice—A. Buns.		
CHUYEN, Chinese str., 1,177, Stewart, 9th March—Shanghai 8th March, General—C. M. S. N. Co.		
CONCH, British str., 3,542, F. G. Scott, 9th March—Bali Papan 2nd March, Bulk oil—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.		
DAGNY, Norwegian str., 882, P. Solvesen, 9th March—Hongkong 7th March, Coal—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.		
ELSTON, British str., 2,752, C. E. Underwood, 12th March—Newport, Mon., 4th January, Coal—Order.		
FEL, Norwegian str., 860, N. G. Andersen, 11th March—Kwan-chow-wan 10th March, Salt—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.		
FUKUKI MARU, Japanese str., 3,139, S. Kuma-waki, 27th Feb.—Mojji 22nd Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
GAZELLE, British str., 2,845, J. W. Steel, 12th March—Rangoon 27th Feb., Rice—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
HELLAS, German str., 2,450, Seach, 12th Feb.—Shanghai 8th Feb., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.		
HOLSTEIN, German str., 1,103, D. Henk, 7th March—Haiphong and Hoihow 5th March, General—Jensen & Co.		
HORSANG, British str., 1,359, J. M. Hay, 9th March—Bangkok 3rd March, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
HONG SHUN, Chinese str., 808, Markansen, 9th March—Manila 6th March, Ballast—Order.		
LOHANG, British str., 1,223, Lewis, 9th March—Swatow 8th March, Ballast—Butterfield & Swire.		
IYO MARU, Japanese str., 3,918, R. Takada, 13th March—Shanghai 10th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.		
KEONWAI, German str., 1,115, J. Kuhler, 10th March—Bangkok 4th March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
KIANG PING, Chinese str., 1,222, H. Liden, 9th March—Chinkiang 20th Feb., General—Tung Lee & Co.		
KORAT, German str., 987, Oldsen, 3rd March—Bangkok 19th Feb., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
KOWLOON, German str., 1,234, Vestper, 6th March—Hongkong 4th March, Coal—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.		
KUNAYIRI MARU, Japanese str., 2,763, Chiba, 25th Feb.—Milko 19th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
KYLENES, British str., 1,234, J. C. Rogers, 11th March—Vladivostok 2nd March, Coal—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.		
LIGHTNING, British str., 1,122, E. P. Smith, 12th March—Calcutta and Straits 18th Feb., General—David Sassoon & Co.		
LOYAL, German str., 1,237, R. Wegner, 10th March—Bangkok 2nd March, Rice—Sander Wieler & Co.		
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MANDARIN MARU, Japanese str., 3,245, T. Ota, 25th Feb.—Milko 19th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		

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NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,437, M. Yagi, 15th March—Melbourne and Manila 11th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.		
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452, H. S. Smith, 8th March—San Francisco and Shanghai 5th March, Mails and General—Tokyo Kisen Kaisha.		
PAKAT, German str., 1,018, S. Wenzel, 6th March—Bangkok 26th Feb., Rice and Teakwood—Butterfield & Swire.		
PENNSUS, British str., 4,299, David Robinson, 1st March—Singapore 24th February, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
PETROBURI, German str., 1,475, C. Gesevich, 24th Feb.—Saigon 18th Feb., Rice, Meal and Paddy—Butterfield & Swire.		
PHANANG, German str., 1,201, Fr. von Man-felder, 4th Feb.—Bangkok and Swatow 3rd Feb., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
POING TONG, German str., 997, W. Botafuhr, 8th March—Bangkok 5th March, Rice—Order.		
PROTZEN, Norwegian str., 1,024, H. E. Larson, 26th Feb.—Port Valat 23rd Feb., Coal—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.		
QUIZO, British str., 2,183, Alex. Jones, 12th March—Seattle via Shanghai 26th Jan., Flour—Bank Line, Ltd.		
SANDAKAN, German str., 1,115, L. Bengklat, 11th March—Bangkok 5th March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
SHANG, British str., 2,160, E. J. Postinger, 9th March—Wakamatsu 2nd March, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.		
SHINCHIKU MARU, Japanese str., 1,938, Kaburaki, 14th March—Mojji 4th March, Coal—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.		
SHINKAKU MARU, Japanese str., 4,254, K. Se-di, 12th March—Mojji 6th March, Coal—Ataka & Co.		
SOSU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, K. Suka-wa, 15th March—Swatow 12th March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.		
SPIR, Norwegian str., 976, W. Horn, 11th March—Manila 7th March, Ballast—A. Buns.		
STANDARD, Norwegian str., 894, A. B. Ball, 10th March—Saigon 6th March, Rice and Paddy—Order.		
TAIN MARU, Japanese str., 2,940, M. Sakamoto, 13th March—Mojji 6th March, Coal—Kobe Kawasaki Dockyard.		
TAMON MARU, Japanese str., 2,115, S. Nakayama, 25th Feb.—Milko 19th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
TATOWSKI, French str., 1,234, Augustad, 5th March—Waha 1st March, Rice—Wo Fat Sing.		
TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,340, Fraser, 11th March—Saigon 7th March, General—Wo Fat Sing.		
TOUAREG, French str., 615, E. de Catalano, 12th March—Haiphong and Kwan-chow-wan 10th March, General—Messageries Maritimes.		
TUNGSHING, British str., 1,172, L. Hussey, 4th March—Wakamatsu 27th February, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
ULY, Norwegian str., 835, Pedersen, 10th March—Bangkok 2nd March, Rice—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.		
WAISHING, British str., 1,170, G. S. Hohnwood, 9th March—Chinwantao 3rd and Winkai-wai 4th March, Railway Material and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
WINGANG, British str., 1,517, F. H. Lishman, 12th March—Wuhu and Chinkiang 5th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
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ANGHIN, German str., 1,005, J. Minkwitz, 13th March—Bangkok 5th March, Teak and Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
 CARMARTHENSHIRE, British str., 4,994, R. L. Daniels, 14th March—Shanghai 11th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 DAGNY, Norwegian str., 14th March—Canton.
 HATMAN, British str., 645, A. H. Stewart, 14th March—Swatow 15th March, General—Douglas, LaPraik & Co.
 KAMO MARU, Japanese str., 5,284, F. L. Sommer, 14th March—Singapore 9th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 MOORLANDS, British str., 2,231, C. R. Hird, 14th March—Bunbury and Fremantle 16th February, Sandal wood and Jarrah wood—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 SEATTLE MARU, Japanese str., 3,832, T. Saitow, 13th March—Manila 11th March, Flour, Hemp, &c.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 TAIKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,994, U. Nagai, 14th March—Mojito 7th March, Coal—Osaka.
 TAIWAN, British str., 1,046, A. Jenkyns, 13th March—Bangkok 7th March, Rice—Chinese.
 YAMATA MARU, Japanese str., 2,915, T. Sekine, 14th March—Nagasaki 10th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 YUENSIAN, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 14th March—Manila 11th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 14th March.
 Carmarthenshire, British str., for Straits.
 Dagny, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.
 Hatman, British str., for Swatow.
 Igo Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
 Krongwai, German str., for Bangkok.
 Nikko Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 Soshu Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 Touareg, French str., for Fort Bayard.

DEPARTURES.

14th March.
 CAPEI, Italian str., for Singapore.
 DERWENT, British str., for Amoy.
 HATMAN, British str., for Swatow.
 HALVARD, Norwegian str., for Holhow.
 Hanoi-French str., for Pakhoi.
 HONG WAI, German str., for Amoy.
 KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., for Saigon.
 MAUSANO, British str., for Sandakan.
 RAJAH, German str., for Bangkok.
 SUNGLANG, British str., for Holhow.
 TAMING, British str., for Manila.
 THORNDIS, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
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 Hongkong, 14th March, 1911. [446]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	CARMARTHENSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. L. Daniel	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day
LONDON & ANTWERP	MARMORA	Brit. str.	—	G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon
LONDON & ANTWERP	NOBB	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 22nd inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	AMERICA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th April
BREMEN, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	AMERICA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinat	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 23rd inst.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	YEDDO	Swed. str.	—	Rous	OSLO WIT & Co., Ltd.	End of Mar.
HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 18th inst.
HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Selmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBERIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	C. H. Eutler	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christensen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Eelbo	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th April, at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAYRE & HAMBURG, &c.	RHEINFELDS	Ger. str.	k. w.	R. Dannecker	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th April
THIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	VORWAERTS	Aus. str.	—	P. Grosch	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 29th inst., at 3 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERE, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon
BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	LOWTHE CASTLE	Am. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 18th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	CHATEAU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 7th April
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 8th April, at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 18th April, at Noon
VICTORIA, C.B. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at D'light
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th April, at Noon
VANCOUVER, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	HALLAMSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	J. Mathie	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 6th April
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Am. str.	—	H. S. Smith	TOYO KAIEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	SIBERIA	Jap. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHINA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 8th April
PORTLAND VIA JAPAN	HERCULES	Nor. str.	—	—	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. Co.	On 17th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAMATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHATEAU	Ger. str.	—	H. Raepener	MELCHERS & Co.	On 10th April, at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TATIANA	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th April, at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 4th April
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	J. Icke	TOYO KAIEN KAISHA	On 19th April, at 1 P.M.
JAPAN, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch
JAPAN	BYUO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Hashimoto	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 19th April, at 1 P.M.
TSINGTAU & NEWCHWANG	TUBODAS	Dut. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU	SHANSHI	Brit. str.	1 m.	Richards	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU	KUICHO	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day
SHANGHAI, MOJO & KOBE	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Teranaka	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	ANHU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJO KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BOERNE	Brit. str.	—	W. H. S. Hall, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 17th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	WINGANG	Brit. str.	—	H. G. Walker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at M'night
SHANGHAI	CHENAI	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 18th inst., at Noon
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAIRING	Brit. str.	—	Ralston	MELCHERS & Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJO	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CATHAY	Swed. str.	1 m.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FOOKANG	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 23rd inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., at M'night
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	BUJUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 7th April
SHANGHAI	LIJIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
SHANGHAI, MOJO, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PAJMA	Brit. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHINUA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHINUA	Brit. str.	—	A. Harris	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	TUBODAS	Ger. str.	k. w.	Kotzke	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI	SHINCHIKU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 21st inst., at 11 A.M.
ANPING & TAKAO	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 24th inst., at 11 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 18th inst., at 2 P.M.
SWATOW	HAJUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	HAJUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	HAJUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	HAJUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	End of Mar.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	YUENSIAN	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	ZATIBO	Am. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 22nd inst., at Noon
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
KODAT & SANDAKAN	BOBI	Am. str.	—	—	—	—
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, & COLOMBO	BOBO	Ger. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
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SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	D'light, 17th	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS	MARMORA	Noon, 18th	See Special of Call
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, PALMA and YOKOHAMA	Capt. E. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	Mar. 23rd	Freight only

Hongkong, 15th March, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 16th Mar., 4 P.M.
TSINGTAI and NEWCHANG	"SHANSI"	On 17th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 18th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KUBICHOV"	On 20th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TEAN"	On 21st Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 23rd Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 25th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIPOH"	On 28th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 10th April, 4 P.M.

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"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	TUESDAY, 21st Mar., at 11 A.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 24th Mar., at 11 A.M.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

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For SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA:

S.S. SENEGAMBIA	22nd March
S.S. SUEVIA	7th April
S.S. BAYERN	20th April
S.S. FREINFELDS	6th May
S.S. SCANDIA	18th May
S.S. SLAVONIA	4th June
S.S. SAXONIA	15th June

For Further Particulars, apply to—

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1911.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"WINGSANG"	Friday, 17th Mar., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"WAIHSING"	Saturday, 18th Mar., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 18th Mar., 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE	"HOESANG"	Saturday, 18th Mar., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 20th Mar., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Wed'day, 22nd Mar., Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN,

(OCCUPYING 24 DAYS)

The Steamers "KUTSANG", "NANSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Japan Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
* SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 24th March, at 1 P.M.
* MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 3rd April, at 1 P.M.
* MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 23rd April, at 1 P.M.
* KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 27th May, at 1 P.M.
* SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 9th June, at 1 P.M.
* MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th June, at 1 P.M.
* MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 15th July, at 1 P.M.
* KOREA	18,000	FRIDAY, 11th Aug., at 1 P.M.

* Twin Screws.

All Steamers are Equipped with Wireless Telegraphy.

THE P.M. S.S. "SIBERIA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 24th March, at 1 P.M.

FARES: HONGKONG to LONDON £71 10s. Od. RETURN, SIX MONTHS, £120; 24 MONTHS, £125; INCLUDING BERTH and MEALS ACROSS AMERICA.

SPECIAL RATES (First Class Only) Granted upon Application.

To European Points: Officials of any European Naval, Military, Diplomatic, Consular and/or Civil Services located in Asia, to European Officials in the Services of the Governments of China and Japan. To United States Points: Commissioned Officers of the United States Army, Navy, U.S.P.H. & M.H. Services, U.S. Consul Generals, Consuls and Vice-Consuls stationed at Ports of Call. To United States and Canadian Points: Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Officials of the Governments of China and Japan. These Special Rates apply when travelling at their own expense and to their families. To all points:—Missionaries and their families.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

CHINA.....10,200 Tons.....FRIDAY, 31st March, at 1 P.M.
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PERSIA.....9,000 Tons.....FRIDAY, 19th May, at 1 P.M.

THE S.S. "CHINA" will leave for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 31st March, at 1 P.M.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, KING'S BUILDING (opposite Blake Pier).

FRED J. HALTON, AGENT.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORTSAID	KANAGAWA MARU	7,000	THURSDAY, 23rd March
	HIRANO MARU	9,000	WED'DAY, 29th Mar., at Daylight
	TANGO MARU	8,000	WED'DAY, 13th April, at Daylight
	KAMAKURA MARU	7,000	SATURDAY, 25th Mar., from Kobe
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	INABA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 28th March, at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 25th April, at Noon
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU	5,000	FRIDAY, 17th Mar., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	NIKKO MARU	6,000	FRIDAY, 14th April, at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	BOMBAY MARU	5,000	WED'DAY, 15th March
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	6,000	WED'DAY, 15th March, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	KAMO MARU	9,000	THURSDAY, 16th Mar., at 11 A.M.
	HAKATA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 21st March

* Fitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy.

* Cargo only.

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SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
* NIPPON MARU	11,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, Mar. 17th, 1 P.M.
* CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, April 14th, 1 P.M.
* AMERICA MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, May 5th, 1 P.M.
* TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bont	FRIDAY, May 12th, 1 P.M.

* Triple Screws, turbine engines.

* Twin Screws.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Offices.

THE Triple Screw Steamer "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 17th March, at 1 P.M.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
BUYO MARU	10,500	K. Hashimoto	WED'DAY, April 19th, 1 P.M.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	H. Hinokuni	SATURDAY, June 17th, 1 P.M.
KIYO MARU	17,500	H. Nishi	TUESDAY, Aug. 15th, 1 P.M.

THE Steamer "BUYO MARU" will be despatched for MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO and CORONEL on WEDNESDAY, 19th April, at 1 P.M.

FARES FROM HONGKONG.

to SAN FRANCISCO	£ 45-0-0, Single
" NEW YORK	£ 50-0-0, "
" LONDON	£ 71-10-0, "
" "	£ 120-0-0, Return 6 Months
" SALINA CRUZ or MANZANILLO	Yen. 125-0-0, Single
" VALPARAISO	Yen. 570-00, "

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TO EUROPEAN POINTS:—Officials of any European Naval, Military, Diplomatic, Consular or Civil Services located in Asia, European Officials in the Service of the Government of China and Japan.

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	WED'DAY, 22nd Mar., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"MEXICO MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 4th April, at Daylight

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
ANPING and TAKAO	"SHINCHIKU MARU"	WED'DAY, 15th Mar., at 5 P.M.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 15th Mar., at 8 A.M.
TAMSOI via SWATOW, and AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 19th Mar., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW	"BIJUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 23rd Mar., at 8 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passengers, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

MAILS BY SIBERIAN ROUTE.—Quarantine restrictions at Shanghai have now been withdrawn on arrivals from Dairen. Mail Steamers will leave Shanghai for Dairen twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The *Damian*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 8.30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th inst., at 6 a.m. This packet brings Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 6th of February, and for despatch overland on the 14th of February.

The *Siberia*, with the American Mail, will be due to arrive here to-day.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Touareg	Wednesday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kuonien	Wednesday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haimun	Wednesday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko-Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and Colombo	Carmarthenshire	Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 15th, 1.15 P.M.
Anping and Takao	Shinshiku Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 4.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kano Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Anhui	Thursday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tsuenha	Thursday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Quezo	Thursday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hsienching	Friday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Yavata Maru	Friday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Wingyang	Friday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wingyang	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hongkong and San Francisco (SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	Nippon Maru	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Tientsin and Newchwang	Shensi	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Waishing	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., INDIA VIA TUNIS (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Marmora	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 17th inst., at 5 p.m.		
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Saturday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Yuenang	Saturday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Singapore	Hsienching	Saturday, 18th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai (SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	Chenai	Saturday, 18th, 4.15 P.M.
Swatow	Haimun	Sunday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Fookang	Monday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Zafro	Monday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.

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It contains no lead, therefore ceilings coated with white or tinted Hall's Distemper do not turn black with sulphur.

It sets the hardest of any article yet offered, and neither cracks, blisters, nor peels off.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1911.

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COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 14th.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	193 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	193 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	193 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	193 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	193 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	193 1/2
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	228
Credits, at 4 months' sight	232
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	184 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134 1/2
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134 1/2
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	83 1/2
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	83 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	73 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	108
ON HAIPHONG.—	
On demand	1 1/2
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	1 1/2
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	35 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.05
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$57.70
BAE SILVER, per oz.	24d.

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	per cent
Chinese	10	\$7.93 discount
Hongkong	20	\$7.89
Hongkong	10	\$3.00

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 14TH, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASE.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$1890, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$385.5/-
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$8, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$10, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1, buyers
China President Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$1, buyers
COITON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 55, sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 55, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 49, buyers
Luen-King-Mow C. Spinning Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 62, buyers
Soy-Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 23, buyers
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$19.
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$55, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$55, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 65, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 99, buyers
FEWELK & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$25, sellers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$150, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$123, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$65, buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$157, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	\$7	\$174, buyers
INSURANCE.				
Centon Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$180, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$119, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$87, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$336, x d. sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 155, sales
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$380, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$205, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$94, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$63, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$32, x d. sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 97, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$46, buyers
MINE.				
Societe Francaise des Charbon de Tonkin	16,000	Fr. 250	all	\$700, buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$5, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$13, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$14, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$110, sellers
Luen Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$84, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$19, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$293, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 prof.	\$5	all	\$60, L'don
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	\$1	\$1	\$57.6, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$90, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sal. & buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
Weismann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$16	\$4	\$113, sellers
United Waterboat Co., Limited	100 iders	\$10	\$10	\$300, buyers
RUBBER.				
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2.15 P.M.—Meeting of Licensing Board in the Council Chamber.

9 P.M.—"The Follies" at Theatre Royal.

TO-MORROW

Noon—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammer.

Noon—Thirty-third Ordinary Annual Meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

12.30 P.M.—Twenty-sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Luen Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 17th March—Nineteenth Half-Yearly Drawing of Sixty-five Debentures of Hongkong Club, 11 A.M.

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 18th, 19th & 20th March—Hong Kong Air Week, Flying at Shatin, Kowloon, 2 P.M. each day.

Monday, 20th March—Annual General Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 P.M.

Saturday, 25th March—Auction of Valuable Household Property at Sales Room, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammer, 3 P.M.

Saturday, 25th March—Annual Dinner of Devonian Society, at Hongkong Hotel, 8 P.M.

Tuesday, 28th March—Eighty-Ordinary Yearly Meeting of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., 12.15 P.M.

Tuesday, 4th April—Extraordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Noon.

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Persian extra fine	\$2,050
Patna New	\$2,435 per chest
Patna Old	"
Benares New	\$2,385
Benares Old	"

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Feb. 21st—C. F. Loefer, Cathay, Flinthore, Kano Maru, Lories. 24th—Belgravia, Idomenus, Kintuck, Palma, Schuyllert, Strada. 28th—Benvenue, Bittang, Proteclaus, March 3rd—Benvenue, Indrasainla, Kleist, Patroclus, Persia, Shimosa, Ville de la Ciotat, Indravelli, Sachsen. 7th—Ali Maru, Memnon, Stavonia, Suevia. 10th—Agamemnon, Diomed, Nubia, Monmouthshire, Oceanien, Stentor.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

March 10th—Derfflinger, Atholl, Hitachi Maru.

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